

REMARKS

This amendment mirrors the amendment filed with the previous petition to revive in this matter that was filed on August 12, 2004. In the previous amendment (as well as this amendment), applicant has amended claims 3 and 5 in order to address potential indefiniteness problems that were not identified within the current Detailed Action. Applicant has also amended claim 2 to depend upon allowed claim 3. Applicant has further amended claim 6 to incorporate the limitations of claims 8 and 10. Finally, applicant has canceled claims 1, 8, and 10.

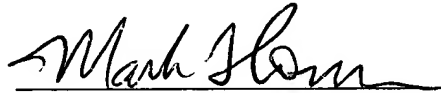
Pursuant to the advisory action, applicant has modified the amendment to claim 6 to replace "sample" with "live animal" and has also modified the amendment to claim 9 to add "live" before "animal" to ensure that no possible antecedent basis problem exists from the use of "live animal" in claim 6.

Overall, as with the previous response, as a response to a Final Action, applicant has amended the claims to put them in allowable condition pursuant to said Action. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the limitations set forth within the Detailed Action making claim 10 allowable. All other claims now depend from claims 3 or 6, which should also make them allowable. However, applicant also noted that potential indefiniteness problems were still associated with claims 3 and 5 (which were found allowable pursuant to the pending Detailed Action in this case). In order to ensure that no problems arise related to further review of this application, applicant has amended the claims to address said indefiniteness problems and requests that the examiner enter said amendments to obviate future confusion. Further, applicant has further amended claim 6

to address the problem noted in the Advisory Action and amended claim 9 to ensure that no further antecedent basis problem exists in the claims.

Accordingly, applicant believes that claims 2-7 and 9 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw all objections and rejections and allow said claims. Should the examiner need more information regarding this matter or have further suggestions regarding this application, feel free to call the undersigned at 401-832-6679. Applicant also requests that if any minor problems still exist in the current claims, that the examiner please contact the undersigned prior to issuance of any Advisory Action or any decision is made on the co-filed petition.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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